

Machinery Safety

Three-Point Contact

Climbing in and out of machine cabs can put operators at risk for shoulder, back and ribcage injuries. Falls occur when performing this routine task because feet give way or slip. Terrain is rough and machine steps can become damaged or fall into disrepair. Review these machinery safety tips with your employees.



Toolbox Tips

- After an extended amount of time operating machinery your shoulders, back and leg muscles are not as flexible. Use caution when dismounting.
- Survey the ground for trip hazards before exiting.
- Use a flashlight or machine lights to survey the ground at night.
- Maintain three points of contact when entering and exiting a vehicle.
- Climb using only steps and hand rails.
- Keep steps clean and in good working order.
- Report damage or maintenance needs immediately.
- Watch out for the diesel fill cap on saddle tank steps. The fill cap can cause you to lose your footing.
- Maintain good footing and wear good quality footwear.
- Never jump down from the truck or machine.



Three-point contact keeps you safe

Keep steps in good working order. Be aware of trash, rock, debris and other machine components.

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